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APPLICANTS: Grosse *et al.*
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 FOR: Novel Proteins and Nucleic Acids Encoding Same

MS PETITION

Commissioner for Patents
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**PETITION AND AMENDMENT TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP IN A
 NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) – FEWER
 INVENTORS DUE TO AMENDMENT OR CANCELLATION OF CLAIMS**

The prosecution of the above-identified nonprovisional application has resulted in the cancellation of claims so that fewer than all of the currently named inventors are the actual inventors of the invention being claimed in the instant application. Upon granting this petition, the remaining inventor of the claimed invention is **Ramesh Kekuda**. Therefore, Applicants submit this Amendment and Petition to correct inventorship by deleting the following name(s):

William Grosse, John Alsobrook, II, Denise Lepley, Catherine Burgess, Vishnu Mishra, Li Li, Muralidhara Padigaru, Richard Shimkets, Bryan Zerhusen, Kimberly Spytek, Shlomit Edinger, Valerie Gerlach, John MacDougall, Isabelle Millet, David Stone, Erik Gunther, and Karen Ellerman.

The removed inventors' inventions are no longer being claimed in the instant nonprovisional application. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, **Ramesh Kekuda** is named as the first and sole inventor of the claimed invention.

Applicant submits herewith the appropriate fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21402-157 (Cura 457).

APPLICANTS: **Kekuda (Grosse, et al.)**
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Attached is a courtesy copy of Applicants' Response to Restriction Requirement, filed concurrently in the instant application, which Applicants believe necessitated this change in inventorship.

Should the Commissioner have any questions concerning this petition, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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